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**ALEUTIAN ISLANDS DISTRICT STATE-WATERS PACIFIC COD A SEASON
CLOSURE AND B SEASON OPENING ANNOUNCED
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The state-waters A season Pacific cod fishery in the Aleutian Islands District west of 170° W long. will close by regulation at 11:59 p.m. on Saturday June 9, 2012. The state-waters Pacific cod B season will open at 12:01 a.m. June 10, 2012. The A season guideline harvest level (GHL) of 14,537,132 pounds will not be reached by 11:59 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, 2012. The unharvested portion of the A season GHL will rollover to the B season. As of June 6, 3.31 million pounds of the A season GHL remained. The 2012 Pacific cod B season GHL will be 9.44 million pounds.

Effective June 10, vessels using longline, pot, mechanical jig, or non-pelagic trawl gear are limited to a maximum of 60 feet overall length (OAL). Beginning August 1, pot vessels may be up to 125 feet OAL.

For further information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in Dutch Harbor at (907) 581-1239.

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